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STUDENT PARKING  
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## A PARKING LOT OF CHANGE

An email was sent Tuesday alerting students that parking restriction to underclassmen have been lifted.

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## PANTHERS SCORE 4

Eastern's baseball team won their second straight game by scoring four runs in the seventh inning .

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## Students traverse tunnel to learn about oppression



James Bateman, a senior communications major, tosses a beach ball that contains group discussion questions on racism and diversity. "I think EIU is pretty diverse," Bateman said.

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## Gatrell announced as third provost candidate

By Leon Mire  
Associate News Editor | @DEN\_News

The third candidate for provost, Jay Gatrell, was announced on Eastern's website Thursday.

Gatrell is currently vice provost for faculty affairs and research at Bellarmine University, a private Catholic university in Louisville, Kentucky.

An open session for students to ask Gatrell questions will be 1 to 1:50 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. A similar session for faculty will follow from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in the same room, and a session for staff will be held afterwards from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in the 1895 Room of the Union.

Gatrell will arrive in Charleston Wednesday evening and leave Friday afternoon. In addition to the open forums, he will meet for hour-long sessions with deans, academic councils and Faculty Senate, among other groups.

Gatrell has served as vice provost at Bellarmine since November 2014. He was acting vice president for academic affairs at the institution from December 2014 until March 2015.

Gatrell started at Bellarmine in January 2014 as assistant vice president for institutional effectiveness, research and graduate initiatives.

Gatrell has also been a geography and environmental studies professor since 2014. From 2000 to 2014, he was a geography professor at Indiana State University. He served in several different administrative roles at Indiana State, including dean of research and graduate education, dean of the college of graduate and professional studies and associate dean for budget and research.

He was a geography professor at Wright State University from 1999-2000 and earned his doctorate in geography from West Virginia University in 1999.

According to Gatrell's curriculum vitae, since 2014, his team has helped increase study abroad enrollment by 50 percent; increased VA-eligible students by 18 percent and improved rankings for veteran students; expanded undergraduate and graduate research and initiated a "Women in Science" speaker series at Bellarmine.

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## Provost candidate talks plans for transparency, collaboration

By Chrissy Miller  
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The second provost candidate, Jeffrey P. Bakken, showed his desire for transparency in administration and collaboration during the student and faculty forums.

Bakken got his master's and doctorate in special education from Purdue University. Currently, Bakken is the associate provost for Bradley University. He said he has not worked with a union before.

In his role as Department Chair at Illinois State University, Bakken said he helped improve his department through yearly curriculum assessment. He said these assessments centered around a few simple questions.

"How are students doing? Do they know what they should know? What's missing from their knowledge base and skills base?" Bakken said.

Bakken said the data from these assessments helped reveal what changes needed to be made. He said that providing faculty support was also a crucial part of making the university run efficiently.

"I initiated a lot of programs for new faculty, mentorship programs, and support programs to help faculty be successful," Bakken said. "My feeling was that if faculty were successful, then the students themselves would be successful as well."

Jack Cruikshank, a political science graduate student, said he questioned Bakken's previous and current relationship

with Eastern President David Glassman, who was the provost over Bakken at Bradley University for three years.

"That is a problem on campus right now, as well, with that kind of consolidation of power, who's in charge of what," Cruikshank said. "If you were to get the position, there are going to be lots of questions about that to you, 'Is he just a yes man?' that kind of thing."

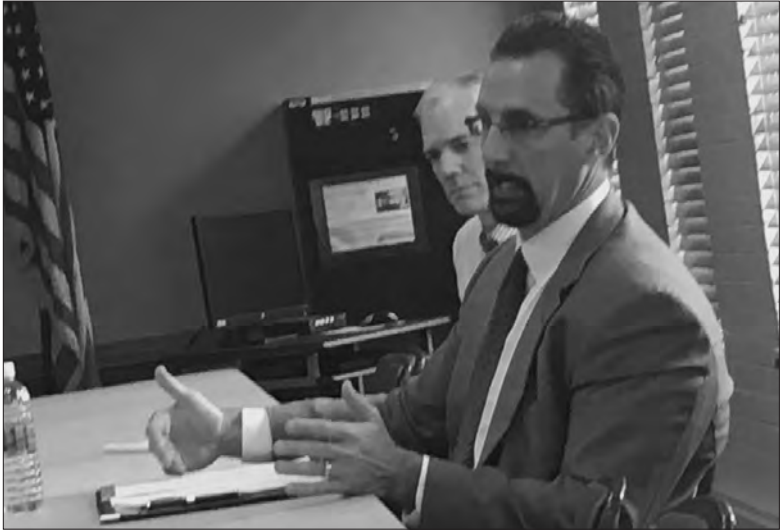
Bakken said on campus he would be able to put any outside connection to Glassman aside to focus on his professional role as provost in this community.

"My role is to advocate for students, to advocate for faculty, to advocate for resources," Bakken said. "I'm not opposed to him disagreeing with me, then I just need to work harder to make him come to a consensus."

Bakken said if he was selected as provost, he would make marketing a priority and try to bring in diverse students and faculty experts.

"What I found at Bradley was are numbers were low because we weren't doing any recruiting, we weren't doing any marketing whatsoever," Bakken said. "Well yeah they're going to be low, people are just going to have to stumble upon things to find stuff. You have to promote the programs if you want students to come."

English professor C.C. Wharram said he saw Bakken in a meeting earlier that day and heard him talk about the impor-



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Jeffery Bakken is the second provost candidate to visit Eastern's campus and take part in an open panel.

tance of everyone seeing the university as a whole rather than just as individual departments.

"In your role as a provost, you'd have certain institutional barriers that would separate you from us on-the-ground faculty who aren't chairs or deans," Wharram said. "There are those kind of barriers between the kind of transparency you like to articulate and how you would be able to interact with faculty."

Wharram said he was curious to see how Bakken would implement the transparency he spoke of.

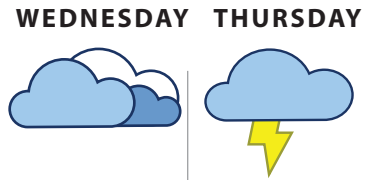
Bakken emphasized faculty voices and said a provost without faculty would be nothing. Bakken suggested possibly putting an online feedback system for faculty in place or having an open forum for faculty.

"I don't know whether it would be, I'd have to look at the climate here, what people are more comfortable with," Bakken said.

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Senate, White House pass on push to revive health bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans and the White House sounded ready to abandon efforts to repeal and replace the nation's health care law, at least for now, even as House Republicans insisted on Tuesday they were not ready to give up on their years-long quest.

The intraparty dispute came in the wake of last Friday's collapse of health care legislation in the House, a GOP humiliation at the climactic moment of seven years of promises to get rid of former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

White House legislative affairs director Marc Short also emerged from the Senate GOP lunch indicating the administration was moving on despite President Donald Trump's promises as a candidate to immediately get rid of Obama's law.

Short pointed to the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, whose nomination will

be on the Senate floor next week, as well as a looming funding deadline on April 28 that must be met to keep the lights on in the government. Short said that "of course" the White House hopes to avoid a shutdown. And, senior Republicans and the White House are eager to move on to tax overhaul legislation.

The comments on health care from Senate Republicans and the White House were a cold reality check on the newly revived hopes of House Republicans. Just this Friday, House Republicans couldn't muster the votes for their marquee legislation to repeal and replace the health care law and pulled it off the floor in an embarrassing setback for Trump and Speaker Paul Ryan. But Tuesday morning, they exchanged pledges of unity in a closed-door meeting and emerged eager to continue their efforts on health care, although they provided no specific plans or time-

line for how they would proceed.

The discussion on health care came with a hard deadline looming to pass legislation by the end of next month to keep the government running. GOP leaders in Congress and at the White House were trying to take steps to avoid stumbling into a shutdown.

Ryan said Tuesday that any provision to "defund" Planned Parenthood didn't belong in the catch-all measure, while Senate GOP leaders like Roy Blunt of Missouri made clear they'd like to avoid a showdown over Trump's border wall, which is loathed by Democrats and disliked by some Republicans as well. Keeping Planned Parenthood and the border wall out of the spending bill would greatly improve its chances to get necessary Democratic votes in the Senate, although conservatives in both chambers might object.

Leaders to fight 'sanctuary' threats

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's leaders say they'll keep fighting against President Donald Trump's promised crackdown on so-called "sanctuary cities" despite financial risks.

The defiance was on display at a Monday gathering of municipal officials in New York from cities including Chicago. The same day Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued fresh warnings to cities refusing to cooperate with immigration authorities, suggesting the government would come after grant money that's already been awarded if they don't comply.

Chicago has been a sanctuary city since the 1980s.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office says withholding funding is "unconstitutional." Chicago is also supporting a county lawsuit in California challenging Trump's executive order.

Trump, signs order to end to 'war on coal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring an end to what he's called "the war on coal," President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday that eliminates numerous restrictions on fossil fuel production, breaking with leaders across the globe who have embraced cleaner energy sources.

The order makes good on Trump's campaign pledge to unravel former President Barack Obama's efforts to curb global warming, eliminating nearly a dozen measures in an effort to boost domestic energy production, especially oil, natural gas and coal.

Environmental activists, including former Vice President Al Gore, denounced the plan. But Trump said the effort would spark "a new energy revolution" and lead to "unbelievable" American prosperity.

Throughout the election, Trump accused the former president of waging "a war" against coal as he campaigned in economically depressed swaths of states like West Virginia, Pennsylvania

and Ohio.

But Trump's promise runs counter to market forces, including U.S. utilities converting coal-fired power plants to cheaper, cleaner-burning natural gas. And Democrats, environmental groups and scientists said the executive order ignores the realities of climate change.

"There is much our nation can do to address the risks that climate change poses to human health and safety, but disregarding scientific evidence puts our communities in danger," said Rush Holt, chief executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the nation's largest general scientific society.

While Republicans have blamed Obama-era environmental regulations for the loss of coal jobs, federal data shows that U.S. mines have been shedding jobs for decades under presidents from both parties as a result of increasing automation and competition from natural gas.

Another factor is the plummeting cost of solar panels and wind turbines, which now can produce emissions-free electricity cheaper than burning coal.

According to an Energy Department analysis released in January, coal mining now accounts for fewer than 75,000 U.S. jobs. By contrast, renewable energy — including wind, solar and biofuels — now accounts for more than 650,000 U.S. jobs.

Trump's order initiates a review of the Clean Power Plan, which restricts greenhouse gas emissions at coal-fired power plants. The regulation — Obama's signature effort to curb carbon emissions — has been the subject of long-running legal challenges by Republican-led states and those who profit from burning oil, coal and gas.

The order also lifts a 14-month-old moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands. The Obama administration had imposed a three-year moratorium on new federal coal leases in January 2016, arguing that the \$1 billion-a-

year program must be modernized to ensure a fair financial return to taxpayers and address climate change.

The order covers a range of other Obama-era rules, including repeal of measures to consider the "social cost" of carbon emissions in all regulatory actions and crack down on methane emissions at oil and gas wells. The rule also eliminates an Obama-era rule restricting fracking on public lands and a separate rule that requires energy companies to provide data on methane emissions at oil and gas operations.

The order does not withdraw a 2009 finding by the EPA that greenhouse gases endanger the public health and welfare. The finding, along with a 2007 Supreme Court ruling, forms the basis of the Clean Power Plan. Some conservative groups have pushed to withdraw the so-called endangerment finding, but Trump's EPA chief, Scott Pruitt, has said the finding "needs to be enforced and respected."

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# Underclassmen parking restrictions lifted

By Jack Arkus  
Contributing Writer | @DEN\_News

Underclassmen with cars may find it a little easier to get to their classes the rest of this semester.

The University Police Department has eliminated the “underclass” parking restriction on a trial basis, effective immediately, Eastern Chief of Police Kent Martin announced in an email to the campus Tuesday.

This means that any student may park in any lot designated for student parking.

Martin said when he was appointed as Chief of Police in September 2016, one of his goals was to examine the parking process and the issues that come with it.

“I want to make the whole parking process more convenient for all students,” Martin said. “Underclassmen have to park blocks away from their

classes and then walk past empty spots on their way to class but cannot park there because of the restrictions.”

Martin said he believes this trial run will fill up those empty spots. He said he wants to eliminate the confusion for students of where they can and cannot be in terms of parking. The idea is that underclassmen should not be pushed off to the edge of campus.

Traditionally, underclassmen and upperclassmen have had designated

areas to park on campus that differ from one another. Underclassmen were only allowed to park in areas with blue signage in front of them, such as Greek court, University Court, 9th Street Lot, W-Lot and parks of the Stadium Lot. Upperclassmen could park in any areas permitted to underclassmen, as well as areas with green signage in front of them.

Martin said he and university officials want to make sure the new

system works effectively before making permanent changes for the 2017-18 academic year.

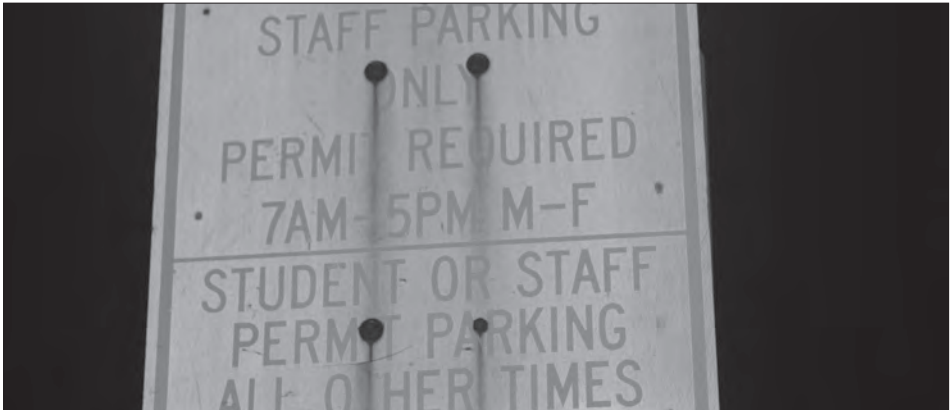
“We hope to have a final answer by the beginning of summer,” Martin said. “Let’s see if any problems occur and we will go from there. Once decided, we will go forth with any price changes if necessary.”

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Blue “student parking only” signs mark where underclassmen were meant to park, until the restriction was lifted Tuesday.



“Staff parking only” lots are marked with orange signs, but students can park in these lots after 5 p.m. during the week and on weekends.

## College Against Cancer to raise funds for research

By Liz Stephens  
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Eastern’s chapter of Colleges Against Cancer will host the 2017 Relay For Life kickball tournament from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6 in McAfee Gym.

The deadline for pre-registration for teams is this Thursday but may be extended until Monday if necessary.

The Relay for Life proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

According to a press release, Eastern hosts a Relay for Life kickball tournament each spring to fundraise for the American Cancer Society.

The press release says the event asks students to join together and fundraise, donate and participate in an evening of kickball with games and prizes.

Bailey Wilson, president of Colleges Against Cancer, said this is the second year the group has hosted a kickball tournament for Relay for Life, which is the signa-

ture fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

People can search EIU Relay for Life on Eastern’s website to register online for the event.

Six to eight people are recommended to create a team to participate.

The cost to register per person in the team is \$15, and people also have the opportunity to come support the event with a \$1 entry fee.

In between kickball rounds, there will also be a game where individuals get inside of a large plastic bubble and run into each other.

According to the press release, donations will help with raffle items and grand prizes for the winning teams.

Kailey Aldridge, a senior special education major, said those who are not interested in participating in a team can come and watch, and that donations are always welcome.

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Juan Nevarez

## Republicans failed their duties when replacing ACA

In an article published by the online news outlet *MediaITE* on March 26, Chris Wallace from *Fox News* interviews Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff. During the interview, Wallace called out the Trump Administration for not reaching out to Democrats for compromise after Republicans failed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Democrats were not given a compromise; the ACA replacement legislation was garbage and was only a best fit for the political right. Republicans in both houses of Congress that were for the Obamacare replacement bill did not work with moderate Democrats to attempt to negotiate changes to the ACA.

This is a learning process for Donald Trump, and needs to understand he must work with Democrats and across party lines because, simply put, that is how politics work. You cannot count on only Republicans simply because you are part of the same party. Constituents call the shots and everyone wants to win reelection.

President Trump also recently has recently tweeted for his support base to watch the Justice with Judge Jeanine segment of *Fox News*. Former prosecutor Jeanine Pirro stated "Paul Ryan needs to step down as Speaker of the House." Priebus had stated that President Trump's timing in asking supporters to watch the segment was completely "coincidental."

Speaker Ryan has been known to be more of a moderate Republican who works to keep the party unified, and this failure could affect how that unification goes. Trump or Ryan cannot blame Democrats for the Republicans' failure to reach across the aisle or to produce quality legislation.

If Republicans realized and understood the need for health care, they would work with Senator Bernie Sanders and his proposal for single-payer healthcare that is funded by tax payers. According to Bernie Sanders' website on the single-payer bill, a middle-class family making \$50,000 would only pay \$466 annually to the program, saving \$5,800 per year for that family and eliminating the high premium costs from private health insurance companies.

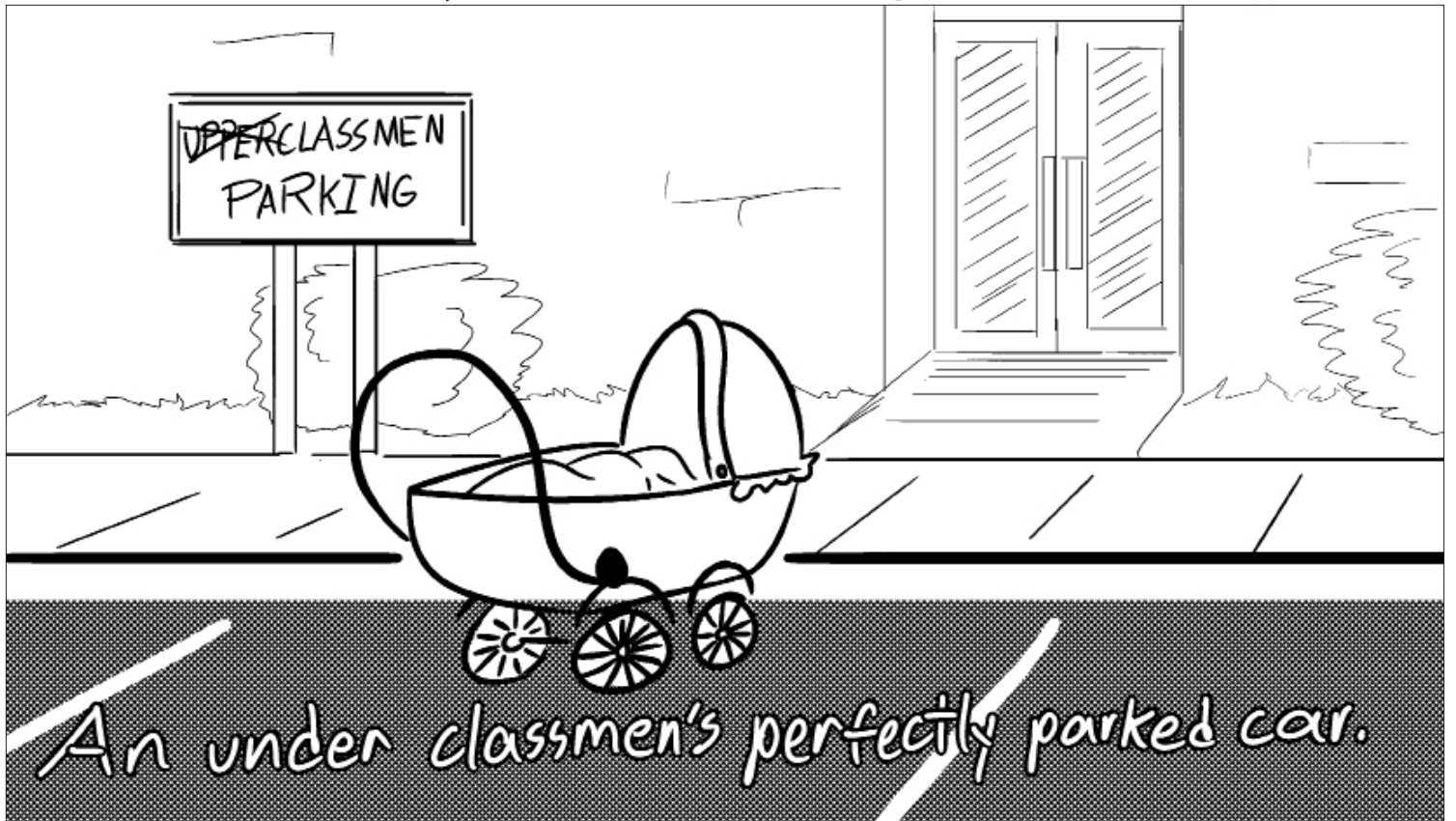
Businesses would also save money with single-payer by reducing cost for insurance from \$12,591 for family coverage to just \$3,100 for a family making \$50,000 annually.

The plan is fully paid for by a 6.2 percent income based health care premium that is paid through employers and a 2.2 percent income-based premium paid by the American household. This proposed plan will reform progressive income tax rates at 37 percent for incomes of \$250,000 to \$500,000, 43 percent on incomes between \$500,000 and \$2 million and 48 percent on income between \$2 million and \$10 million (only .08 percent of taxpayers), and 52 percent for incomes above \$10 million (a mere .01 percent of taxpayers). This would also tax capital gains and dividends the same way income from working is taxed.

This tax reform is extremely simple, effective and will ease the burden on middle class families. I think we need bipartisan support for Sanders' bill.

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## Are They Even Old Enough to Drive?



DANIEL FOX | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

### Staff Editorial

## Climate change should concern all students

There is nothing like feeling the warm sun on your face and watching the fluffy clouds slowly drift across the sky while feeling the cool breeze dance on your skin.

We as a staff agree that the ideal weather is 70 degrees. It is warm enough that you do not need a heavy coat or excessive layers, yet cool enough so you will not produce sweat stains while walking to class.

However, 70 degree weather is unacceptable in the middle of January. This is a clear indicator that something is wrong with our ecosystem, so instead of breaking out the scandals and shorts we need to wake up and realize how detrimental this unnerving climate change is.

For those who do not know, climate change is the drastic fluctuation in temperature due to human behavior.

The 2015-2016 meteorological winter review conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said that January and February's snowfall was significantly below average. The winter was considered the 27th least snowy winter since 1884.

A warm winter may sound appealing now, but if it continues it will not only impact Illinois' weather but the entire world's environment.

Farmers will be forced to wait longer lengths of time for crops, and the warmer weather can inhibit fish distribution within the Great Lakes or cause

consecutive heat waves and flooding during the next century, said the national climate change assessment "Climate Change Impacts in the United States."

We as students can be mindful of how we treat our environment and be a part of decreasing one of the main contributors of climate change, which is greenhouse gases.

Try walking to class, carpooling or taking the Panther Shuttle instead of driving a car that emits harmful gases.

Recycle plastics, aluminum, cardboard and paper in the designated bins around campus.

When using the bathroom or kitchen area, be mindful of how much water is used; do not waste any water.

These minor changes, if repeated over time, can diminish air pollution and excess waste and help reduce the effects of climate change.

Eastern has established an environment that values sustainability and responsibility.

According to Eastern's sustainability website, the university has significantly lowered its water usage by 80 million gallons a year. We have also made a decrease of approximately 80 percent in green gas emission and a 26 percent reduction in campus-wide energy consumption.

However, a Renewable Energy Center, recycle bins on campus and the Panther Shuttle mean nothing if we as a student body do not take advan-

tage of these resources.

*The News* staff wants to encourage students to follow in the Students for Peace and Justice Registered Student Organization's footsteps by communicating their concerns to local representatives and being aware of policies that could harm the environment.

In the article "RSO Offers Education, Seeks Signatures on Climate Change," members of the RSO encouraged students to sign a petition telling President Donald Trump to abide by the Paris Agreement. This agreement focuses on international government's setting parameters that will decrease the amount of greenhouse emissions.

It is everyone's First Amendment right to petition especially when a policy, bill, law or government agency implements jurisdiction that could harm our ecosystem.

According to the article, students had the opportunity to sign the petition Monday and Tuesday. Even if students missed the chance to participate, anyone can write their own letters to local representatives or contact the president of the RSO.

It does not take tremendous effort to protect the campus, town and state we call home.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Civil disobedience saves Puerto Rican island

A small island off the eastern coast of Puerto Rico by the name of Vieques is seemingly undisrupted.

Wild horses roam the island, sticking mainly to the wildlife refuge portion of the island, fearlessly bounding across the roads, with no eyes to the passing cars. Wandering dogs, which are found in large groups, are permitted to roam free, and are only disrupted by the recently-formed Humane Society, which makes efforts to sterilize dogs to control the population, and then releases them into their home. Locals, and tourists provide them with handouts.

Although Vieques is a destination for tourists, it is dominated by small local businesses and local culture, which are at odds with the strong influence that the government holds over island municipalities such as Vieques. Corporate development is extremely limited, and a primarily natural landscape is maintained by the locals.

Locals are welcoming towards tourists and are happy to provide them with an authentic taste of their lifestyle. Some have been so satisfied with this placid environment that they have chosen to integrate into this society, contributing small businesses, such as art galleries and restaurants, and joining in the efforts to maintain the island's local culture and beauty.



Olivia Swenson-Hultz

Citizens of Puerto Rico become statutory citizens of the United States, technically holding the same rights as other U.S. citizens but lacking government influence such as voting rights, as is the case with other U.S. territories. The U.S. government has had its share of influence on the island through navy bomb and target practices since post World War II.

The U.S. Navy purchased about two-thirds of the island; this ownership only ended in 2003 due to a collaborative effort of citizens. However, the Navy's claim has contributed to the contamination and decimation of the natural beauty of this island.

While traveling through the countryside, you may pass by abandoned bombing stations and bases that are unsafe to enter due to the testing of weaponry containing toxic chemicals, such as uranium,

from as early as the 1970's.

Heavy metals continue to affect the health of the wildlife and the people of the island, contributing to cancer and respiratory problems.

Protests, mainly in the form of civil disobedience, broke out in the '70s calling for the ending of these testing practices. Many locals were arrested for basic forms of protesting, which led to the collaboration of local Vieques residents, other Puerto Ricans and Americans in conducting mass peaceful protests. These protests were sometimes disrupted by U.S. Marines.

In 2004, the primary Naval station was closed due to these mass protests, but locals still struggle with the effects of the Naval base's air quality due to the continuous years of abuse by the Navy.

Vieques may now work towards its path to recovery and towards the elimination of toxic chemicals. Residents of Vieques know that they must continue to fight for and maintain the special island's culture and environment from the wrenching influence of the U.S. government.

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# Volunteers to share experiences helping refugees

By Kennedy Nolen

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The ‘Panel on Refugees’ will give insight into the experiences four speakers had while helping immigrants, migrants and refugees. The discussion will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Coleman Auditorium.

The EIU Students for Peace and Justice will host this educational panel, and other events throughout the week, in honor of EIU Global Justice Week.

Graduate student Chelsea Picken, one of the panelists, said she worked with the organization Help Refugees in Calais, France. She signed up online ahead of time, gave her information to the organization and chose the dates she was going to volunteer.

Picken said she worked in a camp known as ‘the Jungle,’ which held about 6,000 refugees during the summer of 2016. She made her way over

to Calais from England during a long weekend while studying abroad at Harlaxton Manor.

This particular camp pops up in times of crisis on the border of France, with England in sight, Picken said. The refugees’ main goal was to eventually make their way into England, since many had family currently there or knew of a community of people to stay with, she said.

‘The Jungle’ was not an official refugee camp, so the United Nations does not run it or provide assistance, Picken said. Instead, she said the camp is run by a non-profit organization.

Picken said she worked for a few days in a large warehouse sorting through donations, and then a few days were spent in the camps distributing packs of clean clothes and toiletry items.

“Most are living in tents and in the

dirt and mud. There is no sanitary system set up,” Picken said, “Any shelter that existed was pretty much plywood put together.”

In November 2016, the French government destroyed the entire camp and put many refugees on buses and relocated them to centers run by the government.

Picken said it really is a privilege having an American passport and being able to travel freely.

Another panelist, Beth Murphy, will also share her experiences working for several years in a refugee resettlement center in Detroit.

Habiba Behnam from Iraq will speak about working in a Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan. Behnam was later displaced when the Islamic State group entered the villages in 2014.

Brenda Cuellar, associate director of international recruitment at Eastern, said she volunteered in Nashville,

Tennessee with World Relief for three months the summer following graduation from college.

Cuellar said volunteers connected refugees with the resources available to the community and translated foreign languages to English.

Cuellar also taught immigrants from Central America citizenship classes and high school classes, she said, and later moved to Mexico for a little over a year to help asylum seekers.

Cuellar served as the U.S. Director for the Migrant Resource Center and said the organization worked with different non-profit teams. The main focus was to provide basic needs to people who had been deported from the U.S. back to Mexico.

This organization is located just across the border from Arizona, and Cuellar said she could see the wall separating the U.S. and Mexico from

the building she worked in.

“My parents are from Mexico. For me, I really wanted to learn about my own culture and identity,” Cuellar said.

She said her parents came to the U.S. years ago, and she did not realize the sacrifices they made until she began working at the Migrant Resource Center and saw other Mexican people facing the same challenges.

Cuellar said her faith called her to serve refugees, immigrants and migrants.

“There is so much going on with the refugee crisis. It is important for us to understand what is going on around the world. As Americans, we should be involved to make the world a better place,” Cuellar said.

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## » Tunnel

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By Mallory Kutnick

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An unused floor of Taylor Hall featured facts about different forms of oppression and oppressed groups Tuesday.

Marissa Damore, vice president of committee engagement, worked with volunteers to post information in the bathroom, the lounge and three dorm rooms on the north tower’s fifth floor.

Groups of students went from room to room in the “Tunnel of Oppression,” reading about mental illness, the effects of poverty and various types of gender and sexual identities.

Some learned something new along the way. Wade Morrison, a sophomore geography major, wondered what it meant to be aromantic (lacking romantic feelings) and omnisequal (attraction to any gender or sexual orientation).

“I thought I knew a lot when it comes to diversity, but apparently I don’t,” Morrison said. “It’s humbling.”

Derogatory terms, phrases and sayings lined the mirror in one room. These included “f-g,” “sl-t,” “no homo,” “that’s not an orientation” and “you’re just being a special snowflake.”

The names of various sexualities and genders riddled the walls of the room with the marked mirror. Among “omnisequal” and “aromantic” were “lesbian,” “transgender” and “queer.” A poster with concealed answers enabled students to quiz themselves on LGBT+ flags.

The bathroom was dedicated to body image. On the left-hand mirror, volun-

teers had used multiple colors of marker to write self-shaming messages such as “freckle face” and “I’m too fat.” The left-hand mirror had the polar opposites of each message, including “sun-kissed” and “my curves are beautiful.”

Dominique Dickerson, a freshman sociology major, voiced her surprise at the messages on the left-hand mirror.

“Jesus,” Dickerson said. “Most of this stuff I’ve been called.”

The bathroom walls had more inspirational messages.

“Fall in love with yourself,” the papers read. “The next time you think of beautiful things, don’t forget to count yourself. Be kind to yourself.”

The room dedicated to poverty hit home for Keshyra Bluminberg, a freshman psychology major.

“I used to be homeless,” Bluminberg said, reading statistics about shelters and hunger. “People don’t know how dire it is.”

According to the facts volunteers posted on the furniture, windows and walls, less than 10 million children get to eat breakfast each morning. The U.S. wastes 40 percent of its food, worth \$168 billion, each year. Our nation’s emergency need for food has increased 91 percent since 2008.

The walls of the lounge featured information about mental illness. Volunteers wrote that one can help by supporting constructive legislation and being accepting of those who suffer from mental illness.

The volunteers also wrote that treatments for the mentally ill once includ-

ed being locked up or chained to walls or furniture. Patients were also “treated” with leeches and bloodletting, and various religions regarded them as “witches” or “possessed.”

Medication for mental illnesses can be difficult to obtain, volunteers wrote. Side effects can be worse than the mental illnesses themselves, and children are generally regarded under two extremes; they are either forced to take medicine or told children cannot be mentally ill.

Like the mirror in the LGBT+ room,

examples of derogatory terms, such as “screw-loose,” “insane” and “nuts,” lined the lounge window.

Dickerson used provided paper and markers to contribute her own message to the wall.

“Depression is an illness,” she wrote. “I will overcome!”

Another room was dedicated to microaggressions, sayings and phrases that, while usually meant to be positive, can be harmful. “You’re far too skinny” promotes negative body norms, and “Are

you sure you’re not confused?” says those who identify as LGBT+ may not know themselves as well as someone else does.

The final room in the “Tunnel of Oppression” did not feature information but rather a counselor – namely Counseling Center intern Sheldon Aaron, a second-year graduate student studying clinical counseling.

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Lee Harper, a senior psychology major, stares into a mirror with derogatory phrases surrounding the LGBTQ community. “As an asexual person I get the ‘you just haven’t met the right person yet.’ People just don’t understand,” Harper said.

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# Belgarth Battle



Chris Conrad, known when fighting as “Conrad” in battle, a graduated computer science major, and Michael Johnson, known as “Takus” in battle, a graduated history major, participate in Belgarth, which is the focus of the Eastern RSO Belgarth, which was featured at the RSO Fair on Tuesday night.

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5 Provocative remark

9 Seat at a hootenanny

13 Go crazy for

15 Part of an order for eggs

16 Operating system with many clones

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19 It may help you get up

20 "... shall not ... from the earth": Gettysburg Address

21 Call from a counter

23 Words often spoken with a hand on the Bible

24 Visually assessed

26 Show created by Lena Dunham

28 Where Matt Damon was stranded in a 2015 film

31 ... DOTE DOLE DOLL DELL SELL ...

35 Archaeologist's estimate

36 Many a chamber piece

37 Person at a desk

38 What an insider might offer

39 Impulse transmission point

42 "You've said quite enough!," informally

43 Something a cellphone can replace

45 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 and others

46 Part of many Arabic names

47 ... HERD HEAD HEAT SEAT STAT ...

50 Macbeth, e.g.

- 51 Puccini title heroine
- 52 Heidi of "Project Runway"
- 54 ... department
- 56 Growth in an underwater "forest"
- 58 Things handed down by kings
- 62 Man exiled from 55-Down
- 64 ... OMEN OPEN OPED SPED SHED SHAD SHAM WHAM WHAT ...
- 66 Home (in on)
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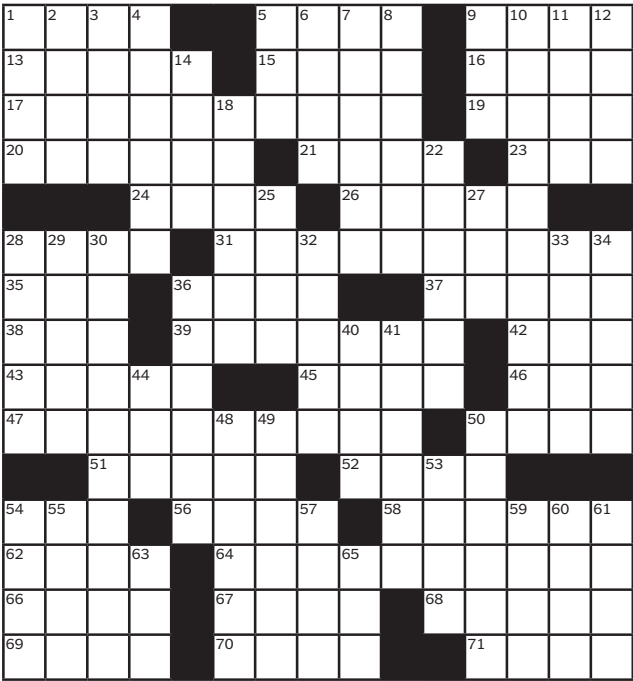
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# Track, field look to standouts for meet

By Kaitlin Cordes  
Track and Field Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

With their first outdoor meet in the books, the track and field team will have a much needed home stint this weekend.

This home meet is crucial as it is the Panther's only one of the season. There's no doubt that the Panthers can succeed at home, either. The team has placed as low as third when they have hosted this year, playing on the energy home-track advantage brings.

Eastern's second indoor home meet this year was crammed full of cheering parents, supportive friends and curious children watching their favorite college athletes compete.

There's no doubt the 60-degree weather pegged for Saturday's portion of the meet will rake in just as many fans.

Senior Ruth Garippo said that the days leading up to the meet are opportunities to grow.

"This week is a good week to learn from this past weekend. Individually, all of us have something we want to improve from last weekend, and this will be a great week to focus on whatever that may be," Garippo said. "For me individually I will be focusing on recovery after each run leading up to Friday to ensure that I feel the best I can physically."

The Panthers will look to their typical standouts to lead the team to yet another victory on their own turf.

Garippo has already proven that she will be a leading force in the women's 5,000-meter race. Garripo ran away with the gold at the Bill Cornell Classic in Carbondale last weekend with a time of 18 minutes, 00.34 seconds.

She outran the second-place finisher by over 30 seconds but missed her fastest race time by 23.42 seconds.

Sophomore Adam Kessler will possibly regain his position as a leader in the men's shot put and weight throw as well. Kessler placed seventh in the shot put at the Southern Illinois-Carbondale meet after covering 52'8.25" and missed out on the top five by just 2.25 inches. His best throw in last year's outdoor season measured 53'00.25".

Senior Bryn Buckwalter will no doubt propel the Panthers with her typical successful shot put performances. Buckwalter tied for first in the event this past weekend where she threw 45'3.25".

She easily out-threw her flight-two opponents, outting the Southern Illinois' Alexis Roberson by nearly 2 feet.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team should produce another stellar finish this week-

end as well. Sophomores Brandan Lane, Ja'Marcus Townsend and Michael Miller and senior Jamal Robinson picked up a second-place win at the classic after finishing the race in 41.28 seconds.

The first-place McKendree University team barely scraped by Eastern, winning by 0.04 seconds. Each member of the EIU squad averaged a 10.32-second, 100-meter dash in the relay race.

Garippo said that these successes and all others happen largely due to the coaches.

"If it weren't for the coaching staff here at Eastern, this program wouldn't be as successful as it has been. Our coaches work day in and day out to make each and every one of us not only the best athletes we can be but our best selves," Garippo said.

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# Wireman, Rogers both pitching strong

By Sean Hastings  
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To start the season, junior pitcher Jessica Wireman's earned run average did nothing but rise through her first eight appearances reaching as high as 4.42. Since then it has dropped to 2.80.

She also started the season 1-4 and has picked up six wins since then and pitching like the Panthers' ace that she has been the last two seasons.

Her latest feat was picking up two wins over the weekend, one win against Belmont and one against Tennessee State.

Wireman unfortunately dealt with mono in the beginning of the season, leading to the struggles and taking away her usual strength she had on the mound.

She finished the 2016 season with 19 wins and 203 strikeouts. Now in 2017, she

has a 7-9 record and 85 strikeouts and it is coming at a perfect time as OVC play is starting and having junior pitcher Michelle Rogers pitching at a high level as well.

Wireman struggled at the end of the first game against Belmont throwing a wild pitch in the seventh, but came back the following game and pitched all seven innings and picked up the win.

Only giving up one run, which came in the first inning, Wireman said she feels good and strong right now.

"I feel a lot stronger than I did, but I know I can tell in certain parts of my game I am a little weaker than I was at the end of last season and that came from the mono," Wireman said. "A lot of my struggles comes from consistency, but now I feel good because I feel super consistent with my pitches and stuff and I think that is most important for me, which is my confidence."

To end the weekend, Wireman cruised past the Tennessee State Tigers and the Panthers came out with a 9-1 win in five innings.

"Jess is a fighter and a competitor and she's feisty and that's what is good about her," coach Kim Schuette said. "Her feistiness can get in her way once in a while, but we had a nice talk between the (Belmont) games and she really worked hard on two pitches she really needed to get sharper and those two pitches came in handy in the last inning and they were huge."

The search is still on to find a potential third pitcher to back Wireman and Rogers, but for right now it has been Wireman and Rogers running the show as it has been in the last two years.

Rogers has flipped the script already on how last year finished up. She finished 2016 with a 6-9 record and is 9-6 in 2017

and has been consistent all year and has been relied on much more.

She finished the 2016 season with four complete game wins and her complete game win against Tennessee State Sunday was her first of this season.

Rogers has never really been much of a strikeout pitcher, but she has also improved on that in 2017.

She already shot past her season total from last year of 50, with 59 strikeouts this season.

Eastern has a two-weekend road trip ahead of it before coming back to Williams Field, but they will take a hot hitting team and two strong pitchers on the road trip.

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# Panthers win second straight

## Panthers score four in seventh to take lead

By **Tyler McCluskey**  
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Top of the seventh inning tied at four, with runners in scoring position, the Panthers make the call to the bullpen and call upon junior Michael Starceovich. Robert Morris' Donte Richie makes contact and drove the ball out to the left-center wall. Junior Joe Duncan followed the ball to the wall and jumped and caught the ball and rolled over to have the ball pop out but get back into his glove.

"At first I was like 'Oh man, that balls hit deep,' I kind have just ran, I didn't really know where the wall was at. It took me off guard and that's when I bobbled it," Duncan said. "That was a big momentum shift and that's what we needed."

This potentially saved two runs from coming in to score to have the Panthers down. On the other end, it sparked the Panthers bats to come alive and changed the momentum for the rest of the game. Coach Jason Anderson said that Duncan's play was the game changer.

"After he made that catch, it turned things around," Anderson said. "It got it going. The tempo of the game was way too slow. Just nothing was going our way. Everything they hit was falling, (RMU) weren't really hitting power shots but they were falling every which way and I think it turned it around."

Duncan, coming off that catch, would start the bottom of the seventh with an infield single to get on. Duncan would move over to second on a sacrifice from sophomore Jimmy Govern. Then junior Logan Beaman walked and after that, the Eagles put into a new pitcher who threw a wild pitch to advance the runners into scoring position. That same pitcher, Dal-



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Sophomore Jimmy Govern scores on a Matt Albert ground out to thirdbase to cap off a 3-run fifth inning for Eastern at Coaches Stadium Tuesday. Govern finished 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs scored and an RBI in the 12-4 win over Robert Morris Chicago.

ton Miller, balked to have Duncan score. Junior Matt Albert would knock in a run with an RBI single. Two failed pickoff attempts later, the Panthers would end up with an 8-4 lead.

"It was good to have. These games are kind of tough because all the pressures all on us and I think we came out a little bit slow but we got together and that's

what we need to do with these teams," Duncan said.

Starceovich would finish in a perfect 1.1 innings and only facing four batters in 21 pitches. He notched his first win after coming in against Murray State and getting the save in game three. Anderson said Starceovich brings a calm to the team.

"He's going to throw strikes and

he's going to get outs and compete out there. He did that again today," Anderson said. "(He) allowed our offense a chance to comeback and they did. It turned out to be a pretty good game for us."

Adding to the lead, the bases were loaded and junior Dougie Parks was up. Parks would hit one out of the park in center and had

a game-high five RBIs.

"I was trying to hit homeruns," Parks said. "Coach told me to step to the middle a little more. My last at bat it worked out well for me."

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# Transfers make the difference in baseball win

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In a season where wins have been hard to come by, the Eastern baseball team has searched for other reasons of optimism.

The Panthers may have found just that on their home field.

Eastern knocked off Robert Morris-Chicago at home Tuesday evening in a comeback 12-4 win, and it was all thanks to some power hitting.

Hitting homeruns was something the Panthers lacked a year ago, but in this game five runs were in credit to them.

The first was a solo shot from Matt Albert to put Eastern on the board, and the second was a game-sealer as Dougie Parks ripped a grand slam over the outfield wall.

Albert is a junior college transfer and in his first year with the Panthers he has been on a tear at the plate when it comes to hitting homeruns.

Albert has two multi-homerun



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Junior Matt Albert is congratulated by teammate Frankie Perrone after his solo homerun in the bottom of second inning Tuesday at Coaches Stadium. The home run was Albert's seventh of the season.

games, and Tuesday was his fifth game this season with at least one to total him at seven on the season.

Power is nice and all, but the real story here is consistency which is what Parks, another junior college transfer, represents.

Parks notched five RBIs against

Robert Morris, and it speaks volumes to how consistent he has been in the batting order as of late.

He was already coming off an impressive week in which he batted .500 from the plate, but this performance goes to show how much the lineup needs him.

This team performance as a whole was just what Eastern needed as it sits with 19 losses on the season.

It is important to note just how young the Panthers are and were a year ago, whereas now they at least have some elder leadership because of these transfers.

While the Panthers continue to be led by regulars such as Joe Duncan, Jimmy Govern, and several others, it is a positive sign to see new additions make a difference.

This improvement as a team from the plate has resulted in the team scoring seven or more runs in four straight games.

Now Eastern searches for that complete game as the pitching staff also tries to continue improving.

All parts of the team will be able to try and keep momentum going as it is a quick turnaround to Wednesday's matchup against Southern Illinois.

Eastern takes on a Southern Illinois squad which comes into the game with a 12-12 record this sea-

son.

The Salukis send a left-handed freshman to the mound against Eastern, while the Panthers have not announced their starter yet.

The southpaw Brad Harrison comes into face the Panthers with an 0-2 record and 5.27 ERA in 11 appearances this season.

Regardless of who Eastern sends to the mound in this one, it will be important for them to go deep into the ballgame.

The Panthers used four pitchers against Robert Morris, but the starter, Brendon Allen, made it just two innings.

It is worth noting Eastern has used a strategy like this often throughout the season such as games against Alabama and Murray State.

Whether it works or not will be decided with first pitch at 3 p.m. in Coaches Stadium as the Panthers close out this five-game home stand.

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